

AMENDMENTS

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Claims 4-36, please cancel without prejudice to the subsequent filing of a continuation application.

Claim 1, please amend as follows:

1. (Amended) Apparatus for receiving and securing an end segment of a line, the end segment having an outer diameter, the apparatus comprising a receptacle including a chamber bound by a substantially continuous sidewall defining an inner diameter that is substantially equal to the outer diameter of the end segment and extensions extending into the chamber for impinging against the end segment, and a couplet attached to the receptacle that is capable of engaging and supporting a lure.

Clean copy of amended claim 1:

1. Apparatus for receiving and securing an end segment of a line, the end segment having an outer diameter, the apparatus comprising a receptacle including a chamber bound by a substantially continuous sidewall defining an inner diameter that is substantially equal to the outer diameter of the end segment and extensions extending into the chamber for impinging against the end segment, and a coupler attached to the receptacle that is capable of engaging and supporting a lure.